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FROM JACKSON.

Death of An Old Citizen of Jackson.  
Special to Commercial Herald.

JACKSON, Miss., March 31.—Mr. D. M. Wilkinson, father-in-law of Col. J. L. Power, died here this morning after a lingering illness. He was a most excellent old gentleman and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was 85 years old, and has been a resident of this city forty-six years.

The railroad commission has been in session all day. A circular was issued to all railroads doing business in the State for their control, in conformity with the act creating the commission; also a form for quarterly reports of railroads. The tariff of charges for transportation will not be interfered with at present.

A petition is now in circulation in this city asking the board of mayor and Aldermen not to levy the fifty per cent. tax on drummers authorized by the code of 1880. It is being numerously signed. The drummers say it would be a great hardship to pay the State a privilege of twenty-five dollars and fifty per cent of this amount to all incorporated towns who choose to collect it.

Death of Dr. Boyd of Jackson.

Special to Commercial Herald.  
JACKSON, Miss., March 29.—Dr. M. W. Boyd, an old and highly esteemed resident and leading physician of this city, died yesterday evening after a brief illness. He was beloved by all and his death is deeply regretted by our citizens. His remains were taken to Cynthiana, Ky., for interment.

Foot Race at Jackson, Etc.

Special to the Commercial Herald.  
JACKSON, Miss., March 30.—The absence of Mr. McWille prevented the railroad commission from doing any definite work on the arrangement of a freight tariff. It will be in session several days.  
An exciting foot race of three-quarters of a mile took place this evening at the fair grounds, between Paul Wofford and Morris Garland, for a purse of \$300. It was won by the former. He made the three-quarters in four and a half minutes, which his opponent was only thirty yards behind. The high standing of the two racers drew a large crowd out to witness their feat of endurance.

No Trains on the Yazoo Road.

Special to Commercial Herald.  
YAZOO CITY, March 30.—The Jackson train failed to put in an appearance to-day, being turned back by damage to the road at Moore's cut, a few miles this side of Jackson. Short Creek bridge, five miles from town, is reported unsafe to cross, all due to recent heavy rains. The weather has chilled up to almost winter cold, and a freeze is imminent to-night.

The Situation in the East St. Louis Yards One of Disorder.—Report that the Sheriff of the St. Clair County Has Appealed for Military Aid.

St. Louis, March 29.—The situation in the East St. Louis yards this morning was one of disorder, and at times it looked as though there would be real trouble. Large crowds congregated at the railroads and when an effort was made to start a freight train in the Vandellia yard, the crowd swarmed around it, drew coupling pins and otherwise obstructed its movements to such a degree that the train was abandoned.

In the Indianapolis & St. Louis and the Louisville & Nashville yards efforts were made to make up trains, but as fast as cars were brought into position they were uncoupled by the strikers and finally the attempt to move them was abandoned.

In the Wabash yards deputy marshals are now making up a train and it will be sent out sometime this afternoon. No efforts were made in other yards to move trains, and probably none will be until adequate protection is afforded by the State authorities. It is reported that Sheriff Roprigkeit, of St. Clair county, who was present this morning and was totally unable to control the strikers, has appealed to the governor of Illinois for military aid, but this has not been verified.

Repealing Jake Sharp's Franchise.  
ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—The senate railroad committee to-day reported favorably the bill to repeal the Broadway surface railroad franchise bill.

THE STRIKE.

Work Resumed on Some of the Roads, and the General Outlook More Hopeful.

Executive Committee's Address.  
St. Louis, March 29.—The joint executive committees of District Assemblies Nos. 101, 93 and 17, in session this morning, have just issued the following brief address:

"To the Knights of Labor of the great South-west.  
"Fellow-workmen—We congratulate you, one and all, on your manhood and fortitude during our late great fight for recognition and rights. Now that the battle is fought, and the victory won, let us wear our laurels as men of dignity and moderation. Every man to his post and to his duty, with quiet and sobriety. Let us exhibit the same zeal for the upbuilding of the business of the west, that we have just done in proving that labor is king.

"By order of the Joint Executive Board of District Assemblies Nos. 101, 93 and 17."  
It is stated that this address was sent to different halls where the strikers were holding meetings, that it was read joyously, and that the men soon started for their homes to change their clothes preparatory to going to work, but this is not verified. It is also stated that the address has been telegraphed to all points on the south-west system.

1 p.m.—Notwithstanding the address, which has been given out as coming from the Local assemblies of the Knights of Labor, the men are in ignorance of the existence of the order, and have therefore not yet returned to work.

Word has been just telephoned down from the Missouri Pacific shops that Master Mechanic Bartlett says the men cannot return to work before Wednesday. Traffic has been practically resumed on the Iron Mountain road, two trains left to-day, one about noon and another at 2 p.m., and three trains arrived from the south. Quite a number of men applied for work at the yards of this road to-day and they were employed.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., March 29.—About two o'clock this afternoon three crowds of strikers left the railway depot yards of the Ohio & Mississippi and C. B. & Q. roads, went to the national stock yards and killed an engine at each place. The Wabash road started out a train of fifteen cars at 2:30 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS, March 29.—General Manager Wheelock, of the New Orleans Division of the Texas Pacific railway, telegraphs from Marshall to the master mechanic in charge of the Gouldsboro shops, as follows:

"There will be a number of mechanics here, more than we can give employment to. If you need any let me know what kind, and I will send them. Please inform all persons that all your shops are to be conducted in the interests of the receivers as officer of the United States court, and that rules and regulations of the Knights of Labor or any other organization will not be permitted to cut any figure in the conduct of the business of this company. Any man not willing to accept this proviso must quit service at once."

At Gouldsboro the engines in the machine shop are again running. Some of the strikers seemed disposed to resume work, but others determined to fight it out. Twelve Deputy United States marshals were present. Their instructions are to protect the property of the company and prevent interference with employees.

St. Louis, March 29.—The strikers have received no specific instructions as yet in regard to resuming work, but they say that it will be impossible for them to return before Wednesday morning. Warrants were sworn out this morning at the instance of a special attorney of the Missouri Pacific road against J. J. McGary, judge advocate of the district assembly 101; C. W. Chase and a man named Burdette, under the general charge of felony, but for the specific offense of obstructing trains and trespassing upon the property of the company.

Quietness and Order Prevails.  
St. Louis, March 29.—The situation in the Missouri Pacific yards this morning was one of quietness and order. The crowd present was small and undemonstrative, and no interference was offered to the running of trains. One freight train was started out soon after 10 o'clock, and another followed about an hour later. None of them excited any particular interest up to noon. None of the strikers had presented themselves at the shops or yards to resume work, and probably none will to-day. It is stated, however, on the authority of one of the committee men will return to work to-morrow, that they are under or will be placed under instructions to that effect this afternoon.

How Women Would Vote.  
Were women allowed to vote, every one in the land who has used Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" would vote it to be an unfailing remedy for diseases peculiar to her sex. By druggists.

AWAITING THE VERDICT.

GOULD AND MASTER WORKMAN POWDERLY CONFERRING.

But no Order Yet Issued for the Knights of Labor to Resume Work --Traffic Resumed on Some of the Roads.

NEW YORK, March 29.—10:30 a.m.—Mr. Gould is in his office this morning, ready to meet the committee of the Knights of Labor, but notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Powderly last night asked for a conference, this morning at 10 o'clock no members of the committee have as yet appeared, nor have they sent any communication. It is thought that Mr. Powderly's illness has caused the delay and that the committee of Knights will be on hand some time this morning. Mr. Gould expresses himself as perfectly willing to do all he consistently can to bring about a satisfactory agreement with Mr. Powderly.

NEW YORK, March 30, 11 a.m.—At this hour Mr. Powderly, accompanied by Messrs. Turner, Bailey, Hays and McDowell, walked from their hotel to Mr. Gould's office, where they met Mr. Jay Gould, George Gould and Vice-President Hopkins. They are now in conference.

EAST ST. LOUIS, March 30, 9 a.m.—The railroad yards here are filled with crowds of strikers and spectators, but no trouble of any kind has as yet been reported. The roads are not making any effort to run trains except the Wabash, which is guarded by United States marshals. No trains have been made up on that road up to this hour this morning.

The situation in East St. Louis this morning, so far as the strike of the switchmen and yardmen is concerned, remains unchanged. The crowds congregated around the depot are not so large and no serious disturbance in that quarter has occurred, owing no doubt to the fact that none of the companies have attempted as yet to start out freight trains, for the strikers insist that such attempts will be strongly resisted by them. They say that they will not return to work until the preliminary negotiations looking toward a settlement of the strike by arbitration shall have been satisfactorily arranged and they ordered by their local executive committee to resume their duties.

St. Louis, March 30.—On this side of the river no freight trains have as yet been started out, but it is announced that the Missouri Pacific officials will make their attempt in that direction to-day as usual. The large Missouri Pacific freight depot at the corner of Seventh and Poplar streets this morning presents an appearance of greater activity than at any time since the inauguration of the strike. Heavily laden trains of wagons are arriving and depositing their goods there for shipment, and it looks as if the company were about to resume freight traffic, despite the hitch in the negotiations for a settlement of the strike.

Application to the Missouri Pacific headquarters, by an associated press reporter, this afternoon, elicited the following bit of information. Further than this Mr. Hoxie would not talk. Mr. Hoxie having been named by the board of directors of Missouri Pacific road as its continuing representative in dealing with the strike on its lines, will adopt no course of action that will be inconsistent with the position that he has heretofore taken.

St. Louis, March 30.—Under the protection of United States marshals, at the Wabash railroad yards in North St. Louis, the regular passenger and freight trains are arriving on time without any trouble. No crowds of strikers have offered any resistance to the regular business of the road at that point, and none is expected.

This afternoon the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy started a freight train of seventeen cars out of the railroad yards in East St. Louis, and each proceeded safely a short distance beyond the Relay depot. Here a number of strikers boarded the train and succeeded in detaching the seven rear cars. The engine, with the remaining cars, escaped, having succeeded in running the blockade.

A cypher message of considerable length was sent by Chairman Irons to Mr. Powderly to-day, but its contents could not be learned. Mr. Irons said nothing would be done here until the result of the conference in New York was known. He gave it as his opinion that an amicable adjustment of existing troubles would be effected within two or three days.

The officials of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain railroads to-day made the formal announcement that its agent would receive freight for shipment to all points on their respective roads as before the strike. General Superintendent Korrigan, of the Missouri Pacific railroad, said this morning that business was progressing favorably upon the whole system. Full traffic was not resumed of course, but every day showed an improvement. Fully one hundred and fifty trains had been moved to-day on all the lines and there was less interference than on any

previous day. Men are applying for work at many points on the roads, and are being engaged as fast as their services are required.

KANSAS CITY, March 30.—Contrary to previous report, it appears that no freight trains went out over the Missouri Pacific to-day, though several came in. No attempt was made to send a second train out after the mishap of the first one. The strikers are indignant over the shooting of Noonan, but have offered no further violence. His wound is in the thigh, and is not considered dangerous.

St. Louis, March 31.—Martin Irons, chairman of the executive committee of District Assembly No. 101, which embrace all the Knights of Labor employed by the Missouri Pacific railway company, this morning telegraphed to the different local assemblies under his jurisdiction, notifying them officially that the general executive board has ordered all men to go to work pending arbitration of the existing difficulties by a committee of the Missouri Pacific employees and Mr. Hoxie. It is expected here that this will be followed sometime to-day by a supplementary order by Mr. Irons to the men under his jurisdiction, to obey the instructions of the general board.

St. Louis, March 31.—The Missouri Pacific officials this morning sent out three freight trains from their yards. This is the regular number of morning trains which it was the custom of the company to send out before the existing strike commenced, and it is now conceded that the road is practically open. Some difficulty is encountered in making up the trains, owing to the inexperience of the new brakemen. No opposition was offered to-day to the passage of these trains from the city, no crowds of strikers having congregated for that purpose.

The Iron Mountain railway this morning has also succeeded in sending out its usual number of trains. Those were started from the L'Esperance yards with the usual number of brakemen on each train. No trouble has occurred at the yards, and none is anticipated. The officials say they can obtain as many experienced switchmen and brakemen as they want, and are receiving numerous applications every day, though those that struck are not embraced in the number.

2:55 p.m.—The men in the Wabash yards in North St. Louis returned to work at 2:15 this afternoon. All were received. The following is the text of the order mentioned in a previous bulletin. It is addressed to the local assemblies of District 101:

"You are ordered by the general executive board to go to work. Honor demands that you see that those who came out to support you get to work first. We will telegraph you the hour and day."  
MARTIN IRONS.

BEKEVILLE, ILL., March 31.—Judge Watts, of the circuit court of St. Clair county, called attention of the grand jury to-day to the lawless condition of affairs in East St. Louis, and directed them to investigate the matter.

NEW ORLEANS, March 31.—Old employees resumed work to-day in railroad shops at Gouldsboro, and deputy marshals on duty there withdrawn.

ATCHISON, Kas., March 31.—The vandalism of last night, by which a large amount of Missouri Pacific property was destroyed by a mob, has created a feeling of intense excitement and indignation in this city. A public meeting will be held this afternoon to take action. The mob is supposed to have come from points outside of this city.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, March 31.—The Missouri Pacific yards present an animated appearance this morning, and the facilities of the road are tested to their utmost in moving the accumulated freight. The strike seems to be over and great relief is felt by all classes.

St. Louis, March 31.—John Walsh and D. L. Harvey were arrested in St. Louis to-day by United States Marshal Weber for intimidating employees in the Wabash yards on last Sunday and were immediately sent to Springfield, Illinois.

NEW YORK, March 31.—During the conference between the representatives of the Knights of Labor and the Missouri Pacific railway officials yesterday, Mr. Powderly repudiated the remarks attributed to him that "Gould recognized me. He addressed me as grand master workman, etc." Mr. Powderly also said that if the officials of the road would furnish him the names of the men who destroyed the property of the company, they would be expelled from the order of the Knights of Labor.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—Missouri Pacific freight trains are running to-day under police protection without interference from the strikers. The latter are still out.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, March 31.—The Knights of Labor, as an organization passed resolutions not to resume work here until matters are settled, but it is believed there will be a sufficient number to take positions in the shops to-morrow to meet the requirements of the railroad company.

SEDALIA, Mo., March 21.—A dead calm still prevails in this city to-day. Freight trains are moving without interruption. Martin Irons has not been heard from, and it is believed here that

he will not do as ordered by Powderly Parsons, Kas., March 31.—The Knights of Labor have declared the strike off, taking their men off of guard, and will go to work in the morning. Freight trains will run at once.

Searching for Victims of the Natchez Disaster.

NATCHEZ, March 30.—Laborers were kept steadily at work removing the debris at the wreck of the two three story brick buildings reported in last night's dispatches; about 1 a.m. they found the dead body of Hatchford, the first victim of the catastrophe, with his head crushed. Hatchford was a native of Evansville, Ind., in the employ of the railroad here. Mrs. Maria Griffin died this morning from injuries sustained. Mrs. Griffin had been a repeated resident of Natchez, about sixty years, has reared a large family, and was the mother of H. C. Griffin, who was mayor of Natchez for ten consecutive years. The two buildings were occupied by twenty-two souls, and it is regarded as somewhat remarkable that all but two should have escaped with their lives.

All Manner of Conflicting Statements.

CHICAGO, March 29.—A prominent railway official here is in receipt of a dispatch stating that the same crowd which has been gathered in the Missouri Pacific yards at St. Louis, for three weeks, is still congregated there at 11 o'clock this morning, and that the Missouri Pacific officials can form no intelligent opinion as to whether the men intend returning to work or not. The greatest interest is shown here on change over the situation, and all manner of conflicting statements have been telegraphed here. One was to the effect that the Missouri Pacific had moved out ten trains, while another stated that Mr. Irons declared he would not allow the men to return under the terms agreed to by Mr. Powderly.

It is Believed the Worst is Over.

CHARLESTON, BELGIUM, March 29.—This city is a vast military camp, from which flying columns are operating in all directions. It is believed now that the worst is over. The government has authorized the peaceable inhabitants of the city to arm themselves and to use every means in their power to defend their domiciles. There is a more confident feeling; the civil patriots and troops are overmastering the rioters.

The miners in the Flenn and Borinage districts have gone out on the strike and have destroyed the residence of the mine manager by dynamite. In these districts there have already been several disturbances between the strikers and the troops, and many have been killed on both sides. Reinforcements have been to the scene from Mones.

A Strike Averted.

PITTSBURG, March 31.—The strike arranged for to-morrow among the miners along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and its branches will not likely take place, as the majority of the operators have agreed to pay the advance of one-fourth of a cent per bushel for mining. There are about 3,000 diggers on these roads, and about one-third of these have already resumed work at the increase. The board of arbitration appointed to arrange prices for mining at the pits of W. P. Bend, at McDonalds, Pa., have decided against the diggers, and a meeting of the men will be held to-night to accept or reject the award. Rev. Father Hickey, Rev. E. R. Donohoe and Victor DeLodge constituted the board.

Great Damage by Rain.

LOUISVILLE, March 31.—Rain has been falling almost continuously for nearly three days throughout the State.

At Williamsburg, Ky., the Cumberland river is higher than ever known, and farms are inundated. Over a hundred families have moved to higher ground for safety. Large losses of logs are reported. A flood of the Big Sandy is threatened at and above Catlettsburg, Kentucky. At Jellico, near the State line, on the Knoxville branch of the L. & N. railway, the houses are all submerged and trains are unable to get through. No trains on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia roads has arrived at Jellico for thirty-six hours, and it is reported that four hundred feet of the Meeds tunnel has caved in. Railroad bridges in the South, on the Louisville and Nashville and Cincinnati Southern are reported washed away.

A Snow Storm at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 31.—A heavy snow storm prevailed here this morning, which melted rapidly as it fell. The storm covers a broad area and has seriously interfered with telegraphic communication. The storm extends from Leavenworth, Kansas, to Oswego, New York, and from Memphis Tenn., to the Lake Superior region. The centre of the storm is in Ohio, between Toledo and Sandusky, where it is raining.

The American Exposition Sued by the World's Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, March 31.—Judge Tissot to-day granted a writ of sequestration in favor of the World's Exposition against the American Exposition. The petition sets forth that in July, 1885, the World's Exposition sold to the American Exposition all its property located in the city park, buildings, etc., for \$175,000. There is still due them \$86,000 and they hold a vendor's lien and privilege on the property. The petition further alleges that the American Exposition is embarrassed in its affairs and the petitioners fear and believe it will part with or dispose of the property during the pendency of this suit. The writ of sequestration was issued on a bond of \$10,000.

The Women Held for Complicity in a Murder.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 31.—The preliminary examination of Cora Lee and Mrs. Emma Malloy, for the murder of Mrs. Graham, terminated this morning and the justices decided that Cora Lee was accessory to the crime before the fact, and that she be held without bail, and that Mrs. Malloy was accessory after the fact, and be held in \$5,000 bonds. The court-room was densely crowded, and the decision gave general satisfaction. The women received the verdict quietly.

snow at Corinth and Holly Springs.

CORINTH, March 31.—It has been raining for three days, doing considerable damage to crops and railroads. The weather turned cold last night, and this morning began snowing and continued an hour. It is very cold to-night.

HOLLY SPRINGS, March 31.—It is feared much injury has resulted to the fruit crop in this section, as the weather has been cold and unpleasant recently. To-day snow began to fall early. Every fruit tree is in blossom.

Mysterious Double Murder in Memphis.

MEMPHIS, March 31.—W. Bennett, a well known drummer for Hall's Safe company, was found shot through the heart in the house of his mistress. The woman was also shot near the heart, and will die. The affair is enveloped in mystery; there were no witnesses. The bodies, when found, were fifteen feet apart. The pistol was near the woman, whose hand shows powder marks. The theory is that the woman killed Bennett at the breakfast table, and then shot herself. She is unconscious, and has made no statement.

It is since learned that the girl's name is Laura May Porter, and she came to Memphis some two years ago from Cincinnati. She was known in Memphis among the demi monde as Ida Reed. They have been living together for over a year, at number 32 Causey street. Neighbors say that all has not been pleasant between them for the past two weeks.

Mr. Manning's Condition.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—At 11 o'clock this morning Dr. Lincoln said there was no change in Secretary Manning's condition, except that perhaps he was a little more restless early this morning than usual. "That was easily made right," said the doctor, "and he is now resting comfortably. His condition is practically the same as yesterday." The secretary's speech, while at times somewhat husky, is said to be ordinarily quite clear and strong. "Yesterday," said a member of the family, "the secretary told me the whole story of his attack to the minutest details, and only rested for a very few minutes during the recital."

The Order of Master Workman Powderly to be Respected.

St. Louis, March 31.—The members of the Executive Committee of District Assembly No. 101, Knights of Labor, met in executive session at Lightson hall at half-past eight o'clock this morning and immediately began consideration of the question of issuing an order to members of the assembly to return to work.

The unanimous opinion is that Mr. Powderly's order must be obeyed, but the committee is divided as to the time when the order should be issued. Some consider the best plan to be to order the men to resume work immediately while others are in favor of waiting until the general executive board shall arrive from New York.

A Noted Criminal Convicted of Murder.

HENRIETTA, TEXAS, March 31.—A Stengall was yesterday found guilty of murder in the first degree. Stengall lived in incest for five years with his daughter, and murdered her infant, the mother dying subsequently. It is stated from neglect. Some two months ago Stengall was taken from jail by a mob and hanged until he was unconscious, his life being then saved by the sheriff.

Martin Irons Refuses to Talk.

SEDALIA, March 29.—Martin Irons arrived here this morning. He is perfectly non-committal, and refuses to talk about the situation. He sent word to Superintendent Sibley not to run any trains until the settlement of the strike was confirmed. Of course his request was ignored, and up to ten o'clock four freights had been sent out.